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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month to respond to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2006.

Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than May 13, 2006.

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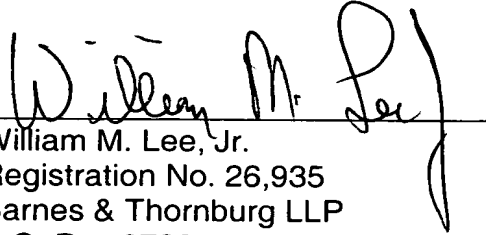
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.17, the required fee of \$120 is attached hereto.

May 4, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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